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SUBJECT: SELF-EVACUATED CAMBODIAN REFUGEE CHHING SOKHOM

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1. DANIEL MELOTT, AMCIT PROGRAM ASSISTANT IN CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE OFFICE IN SIERRA LEONE, (PREVIOUSLY STATIONED PHNOM PENH UNTIL CRS PHASEDOWN IN FEB 1975) HAS INQUIRED OF EMBASSY REGARDING CHANCES OF SUBJECT CAMBODIAN REFUGEE QUALIFYING FOR PAROLE STATUS. SUBJECT IS 20 YEAR OLD SINGLE CAMBODIAN, BEARER OF KHMER REPUBLIC PASSPORT 4576-74. RK, WHO SUCCEEDED IN REACHING BANGKOK AND NOW IN FREETOWN WITH MELOTT BUT REST OF WHOSE FAMILY, SO FAR AS IS KNOWN, STILL IN CAMBODIA. SUBJECT DOES NOT MEET ANY CATEGORY LISTED IN PARA 3 REFTTEL. HOWEVER, IN VIEW LONG PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE WITH MELOTT, MELOTT'S FAMILY IN CALIFORNIA PREPARED SPONSOR AND SUPPORT. IS THIS SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION AS POSSIBLE PAROLEE?

2. ACCORDING MELOTT, CHHING WAS STUDYING AND LIVING IN PHNOM PENH WITH FAMILY OF KHMER ARMY COLONEL (OWN FAMILY LIVED IN KAMPOT), GOT AIRLIFT TO BATTAMBANG THROUGH CONNECTION WITH COLONEL, AND TOOK TAXI TO BANGKOK. CHHING THEN PROCEEDED TO PARIS AS TOURIST ON BASIS VISA ISSUED BY FRENCH EMBASSY PHNOM PENH ON MARCH 22, 1975, AND CAME UNCLASSIFIED

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TO FREETOWN TO JOIN MELOTT. CHHING HAS NO

IMMEDIATE FAMILY ANYWHERE OUTSIDE CAMBODIA OR
OTHER CONNECTIONS EXCEPT FOR MELOTT AND HIS
FAMILY. MELOTT FAMILY HAS ALREADY OBTAINED
ASSURANCE FROM LOCAL SCHOOL AUTHORITIES THAT
CHHING, IF ADMITTED TO US, COULD BE ENROLLED IN
OXNARD SCHOOL DISTRICT SYSTEM. UNDER THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES, ALTHOUGH CHHING HAS NO HOME
ABROAD, COULD F-1 BE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE?

3. ADVISE.
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